

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, NI

SUBJECT: NIGERIAN CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION REMAINS LOW

REF: LAGOS 01536

1. COMPOSTIE OIL PRODUCTION FIGURES NOT YET AVAILABLE FOR FEBRUARY, BUT NO COMPANY IS BELIEVED TO HAVE PRODUCED AT RATE HIGHER THAN IN JANUARY (REFTEL) WHEN AVERAGE PRODUCTION DROPPED BELOW TWO MILLION BARRELS PER DAY FOR FIRST TIME SINCE JUNE 1973. GULF OIL, CAPABLE OF PRODUCING AT LEAST 380,000 B/D, REMAINS RESTRICTED TO 230,000 B/D MAXIMUM (LAGOS 01488

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2. MOBIL OIL, WHOSE CAPACITY IS APPROXIMATELY 260,000 B/D SUFFERED PIPELINE BREAK IN JANUARY. PRODUCTION WAS FULLY SHUT IN FOR REPAIRS SIX DAYS IN JANUARY AND FIFTEEN DAYS IN FEBRUARY WHEN PRODUCTION AVERAGED ONLY 110,000 B/D. OTHERWISE, MOBIL MAINTAINED FULL PRODUCTION UNTIL MARCH 8 WHEN RATE REDUCED TO PRESENT LEVEL OF 145,000 B/D. ACCORDING MOBIL EXECUTIVES, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THIS RATE IS REQUIRED BY DECREASED LEVEL OF MOBIL LIFTINGS

PROJECTED FOR REMAINDER OF MARCH. FMG RECEIVES DAILY REPORTS  
OF ACTUAL PRODUCTION, BUT MOBIL DID NOT RPT NOT DISCUSS RECENT  
PRODUCTION RATE CHANGES WITH FMG BEFORE THEY WERE MADE.  
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